against the officers found responsible on the basis of the report of the Committee. Two more Government Committees were appointed on 19-5-93 and 7.10.94 to look into the stock shortages in Eastern Coalfields Limited and Central Coalfields Limited respectively. These two Committees have not yet submitted their final reports.

राज्य व्यापार निगम तथा खनिज तथा धातु व्यापार निगम में भ्रष्टाचार

7603. **श्री संघ प्रिय गौतम :** क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले तीन वर्ष के दौरान राज्य व्यापार निगम तथा खनिज तथा धातु व्यापार निगम के कितने अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध कार्यवाही की गई और कितने अधिकारियों की सेवाएं समाप्त की गई अथवा उनके स्थानांतरण आदेश जारी किए गए ; और

(ख) सरकार इन दोनों उपक्रमों में भ्रष्ट अधिकारियों तथा कदाचारों में लिप्त व्यक्तियों के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम्) : (क) कलेण्डर वर्ष 1992, 1993 और 1994 के दौरान एस टी सी और एम एम टी सी के जिन अधिकारियों के खिलाफ विभागीय कार्रवाई की गई है उनकी संख्या अलग-अलग नीचे दी गई हैं :—

	एस टी सी	एम एम टी सी
विभागीय जांच पूर्ण	23	12
कार्रवाई चल रही	09	09
सेवाएं समाप्त की गई	03	शून्य

प्रशासनिक आवश्यकतानुसार स्थानान्तरण किए गए ।

(ख) बोर्ड स्तर के पदाधिकारियों के मामले में आवश्यक सतर्कता कार्रवाई अन्य एजेंसियों के परामर्श से वाणिज्य मंत्रालय द्वारा की जाती है । अन्य कर्मचारियों के लिए सतर्कता कार्रवाई संबंधित निगमों द्वारा की जाती है ।

Declining Quality of Darjeeling Tea

7604. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the facts that some buyers of Darjeeling tea have complained the declining quality in the favour of this tea due to the rise of chemical fertilisers and have reportedly denied to buy a huge consignment of the same in recent past;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether alternative measures to replace such chemical fertilisers have been contemplated so far; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Tea Board is not aware of any such report regarding tea buyers denying to buy huge quantity of Darjeeling tea because of its declining quality in flavour due to increased use of chemical fertilisers.

(c) and (d) In the recent years some organic manures and microbial culturers are being used for the tea plantations which improve the physical conditions of the soil and also partly reduce the load of chemical fertilisers. Commonly used products of organic manures are neem cake, fym compost, mulch of weed and prunning litters. Microbial cultures are also available for commercial use.

In order to promote the use of organic manures and to use fertilisers judiciously, Deptt. of Agriculture & Cooperation in the Ministry of Agriculture is implementing the following schemes :—

(1) Balanced and Integrated use of Fertiliser.

(2) Development of Fertiliser use in low consumption Rainfed areas.

(3) National Project on Development and use of Bio Fertilisers.

Flower Production in the Country

7605. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarrd Question 780 given in the Rajya Sabha on 12th December, 1994 and state:

(a) the flower production in the country during the last three years, year-wise and till date; and

(b) quantum of exports of flowers to European community countries during the period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Production of floriculture products including flowers, during the years 1991-92 and 1992-93 was 148603 MTs and 206681.5 MTs, respectively, (Source National Horticulture Board);

Production figures for 1993-94 and 1994-95 are not available.

(b) Value of flowers exported to European Union countries during the last three years is as under :—

Year	Value (Rs. crores)
1992-93	4.18
1993-94	4.60
1994-95 (April-November)	7.37

(Source : DGCI&S, Calcutta)

Import of High Pollution Materials through Calcutta Port

7606. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the complaints regarding imports of materials of high pollution through Calcutta Port; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Ministry of Environment and Forests and Department of Revenue have no information about the import of such material through Calcutta Port.

(b) Does not arise.

Export of Tea

7607. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantity of tea so far exported during the years 1993-94 and 1994-95 to U.K., U.S.A., Canada, Australia and Russia etc.;

(b) what is the value of such tea exported in each cash terms during this period; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to increase to export in 1995-96 to the aforesaid countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Statement indicating country-wise exports during 1993-94 and 1994-95 (April—Feb.) is enclosed (See below).

(c) In order to improve our market share in Europe, USA, Canada, Russia etc. promotional campaigns for Indian tea are being undertaken through Tea Board's offices at London, Brussels, New York and Moscow. Steps taken in this direction include participation in trade fairs/exhibitions; media campaign to increase consumer awareness of the various unique characteristics of Indian tea media campaign to popularise Indian tea through the Tea Board marketing logo organising buyer-seller meets etc. Tea